Orders of the Government of India for the curtailment of the Administration Reports of Native States.

Letter No. 2259-I.A., dated the 10th June 1901.

From—The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department;

To—The Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Political Department.

I am directed to request that the principles set forth in the marginally noted Resolution, and the instructions which have been issued in connection therewith, may, so far as they are applicable, be observed in preparing the annual reports upon Native States in Bombay (including the report on the tribal area near Aden).

Resolution of the Government of India in the Home Department, No. 987-1013, dated the 25th February 1901.

2. The action, which is being taken by the Government of India, with a view to the reduction and curtailment of reports, may, if and when the Governor in Council considers this advisable, be communicated to Darbars with the suggestion that the spirit of the instructions should, so far as circumstances may admit, be taken as a guide in the preparation of any similar reports which are compiled by the Darbars.

No. 4545.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 26th June 1901.

RESOLUTION.—Copies of the above letter should be forwarded to all Political Officers, with reference to Government Resolution No. 1966, dated the 3rd April 1901, in the General Department, with a request that the wishes of the Government of India may be communicated to the Native States under their control and the Darbars moved to comply therewith in connection with their Annual Administration Reports which should be curtailed as far as possible.

J. L. JENKINS,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To

The Commissioner in Sind,
The Commissioner, N. D.,
The Commissioner, C. D.,
The Commissioner, S. D.,
All Political Officers,
The General Department of the Secretariat.

Pol 921

No 5836 of 1901
Forwarded to the Diwan of Savanur for information and guidance

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Forwarded to the Diwan of Sawai for information and record.

A. P. A: Agent

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Extract para 3 from letter No. Poll-286 dated the 25th -- September 1901, from the Commissioner, S.D.

"3. The Political Agent will be asked to get from the Divan his grounds for believing that the assessment presses heavily on the people. "

No. of 1901.

Dharwar, - September 1901.

Forwarded to the Divan of Savanur for a brief ----- report with reference to para 17 of his Admininstration ---- Report.

Political Agent, Dharwar.

2-10-01 D.D.

P. No 323

No: 672 of 1901.

8th October 1901

To,

The Collector and Political agent

Dharwar.

Sir,

With reference to your memo No 7275 dated 30th Sep 1901 calling for a brief statement of the grounds for the belief expressed in para 17 of the Ad: report of the state for the year 1900-1901 that the assessment presses heavily on the rayats, I have the honor to report as follows:—

2 The original survey rates of the state were higher than the revision survey rates of the Bankapur and Karjgi Talukas ~~x~~ The former were further raised in 1896-97 when the revision settlement was introduced. It is thus clear that the assessments in the state are much higher than those in force in the neighbouring Govt Talu[redacted] is believed that the Savanur revi[redacted] are double of those in the Karjgi[redacted]

[redacted] but owing to absence of information on the records of this office regarding the maximum rates of the Bankapur & Karjgi Talukas it can not be stated definitely by what proportion the Savanur rates exceed those in those two Talukas.

3 The incidence of land revenue per acre of assessed cultivable land in the State is Rs 2-4-0 while the corresponding figure for the Shiggaon district is, it is presumed, Rs 1-3-0. A reference to the revenue accounts for the past 15 years shows that there has been no year in which land has not been thrown out.

4 The following table shows the area relinquished since the introduction of the revision Survey.

Year	area A.	G.
1896-97	33	19
1897-98	82	22
1898-99	24	20
1899-1900	121	8
1900-1901	67	1

[redacted] of his report on the revision settlement

of this State, the Superintendent [redacted]
survey refers to the ease with which the
was collected during the three years ending
1894-95 and remarks that there were only 4
cases in 1893-94 in which distraint had to be
resorted to. From the figures given below it
will be seen that cases of distraints have become
a rule since the introduction of the revision
settlement.

Years.	Compulsory processes resorted to			
	Notices	Sale of defaulter's moveable property.	Sale of defaulter's lands.	Arrest and imprisonment of defaulters.
1896-97	110	1	2	0
1897-98	131	0	1	0
1898-99	127	0	1	0
1899-1900	223	0	3	0
1900-1901	248	0	3	0

Continuation of para 5

The following cases are noteworthy.

(a) The khatedar of R.S.No 77 of Chillur (area 21-18 a Gt assessment 5-8) Gurunath Gitmage obtained in 1897 a takavi advance of Rs 100 for improving the land and completed the work. Nevertheless

[redacted]ol found the land remunerative and relinquished it in March 1899.

(b) Govindappa bin Purushottamappa Khalēdar of R.S. No 455 of Savanur area 26-14 & assessment Rs. 46 improved the land with a Tagai advance of Rs 200. He failed to pay Rs. 29-6-0 for the year 1899-1900 & the land fetched only Rs 180 at the auction sale.

(c) Marlingappa bin Guddappa in 1892-93 took up R.S. No 75 of Niralkatti area 5-5 assessment 6 and relinquished it 1897-98.

(d) Annaji Ramachandra in 1894-95 purchased R.S. No 80 of Niralkatti area 4-16 & assessment Rs 10 at a revenue sale but relinquished it 1896-97.

(e) Mohedinsaheb Saiedkhani in 1894-95 took up Rev: S. No 19 of Gabbur area 28-33 assessment Rs. 21 was sold in 1900-1901 owing to default in payment of assessment but no body bid for it.

(f) R.S. No 40 of Chilur area 11-3 assessment Rs 10 was taken up in 1893-94 by Kariyallappa bin Byamanna but it was resigned in 1900-1901.

(g) Annaji Ramachandra in 1894-95 occupied R.S. No 7 of Jakkikop area 8-24 assessment Rs 5-0 & transferred it to Rajeeva in 1896-97 who relinquished it in 1898-99.

(h) Durgappa bin Puttappa Hunshikatti in 1889-90 took up R.S. No 45 of Nandihalli area 10-6 assessment 19 relinquished it at the end of the year 1899 1900.

(i) Durgappa bin Neelappa Nagaonar took up in 1889-90 R.S. No 43 of Nandihalli area 20-8 assessment 5-4 & relinquished it March 1900

6. The population of the state is for the most part dependent on agriculture. The agriculturists have any how manage to pay up the land rev: to avoid the loss of their only means of subsistence. Most of the agriculturists are unable to lay by anything for a bad season and generally are without resource. Only a few agriculturists are well-to-do but the majority of these are not dependent on agriculture alone but supplement their income from other pursuits. On the whole the agricultural prosperity of the state it is feared will bear no comparison with that of the adjoining Talukas in the district.

7 Lastly it may be noted that the view that the assessment presses heavily appears to have been shared by other officers who were concerned in the administration of the state, e.g. Mr. H. G. H. Anderson I.C.S. assistant Political agent in his review (No 167 d 15th July 1897) of the Ad: report

remarked as follows :-

[redacted] waste land was taken up but
33 acres are relinquished is unsatisfactory. The
tendency in surrounding British districts is in
the reverse direction: no doubt Savanur is
assessed rather highly and feels a year of scarcity
more acutely. There has been unusual diffi-
culty in realizing the revenue."

The remarks made in para 17 of the ad:
report was as will appear from the sequel
intended to bring to the notice of higher authori-
ties the fact that high assessments rendered it
specially desirable that the wants of the people
in respect of irrigation tanks, drinking water
supply, healthy village sites &c &c should receive
due attention. As it appeared that projects in-
volving heavy cost or doubtful utility had been
carried out or were proposed by the state P.W.D.
it was considered necessary to bring into prominent
notice the desirability of securing preference for
urgent public wants and a list of them was given
at para 72 of the same report. Similarly every

opportunity has been taken of submitting proposals calculated to effect improvement in the administration or economy in the state expenditure or to meet public wants of whi the principal ones are noted below.

(a) offer by Thiddangouda bin Geddan Gouda of Hulgur to take up all existing waste land in the village of Yekikop and to reinhabit the village. (please see corres commencing with this office No 91 d 7.2.1901 and ending with this office No 667 d 5.10.1901). The offer is in no way disadvantageous to the state and its acceptance is likely to lead to the cultivation of all waste land and habitation of the deserted village. & increase in revenue.

(b) Introduction of reforms in the procedure of the state P. W.D. (See corres com mencing with this office No 386 d 12 July 1901 and ending with this office No 66 d 2.10.1901 & several other reports). These proposals are intended to secure not.

only an improvement in the procedure of the state P.W.D. but economy in the expenditure on P. works and execution of useful works projects in the order of their urgency.

(C) Proposals for a change of the village sites of Tores & Niralkatte (see correspondences ending with this office Kerm: Nos. 570/22.7.01 & 91/3.10.01). These are intended to secure healthy village sites for the villages.

I have re

[signature]

Diwan of Cochin.

through the A.C. P.A. with a copy of the collector's reference

P.A.'s

No 753 of 1901

To
The Colle. & Police Agent
Dharwar

12 Nov 1901.

Sir,

I was appointed Divan of this State by G. R. (Pol.) No 8701 dated 14 Dec 1900 & I took charge of the office on the 15th January 1901.

I have not limited myself to the performance of mere routine work but it has been my constant endeavour to make suggestions & improvements in the administration and to satisfy the wants of the people as far as possible. The next Adm. report will deal with the details of the current year's administration but the accompanying notes briefly will show the work of the latter description that I have been able to do.

The post was offered to me on the terms similar to those offered to my predecessor & I accepted it

under the impression that the appointment may be similar & a Manilan Experience however has shown me that the duties of the Divan are not of multi farious but more responsible & delicate than ~~those~~ those of a Manilar. (see para 27 of Ad: Report for 1900-1907) ~~I found myself with the charge of various sorts of the Kharcha etc who always by the seem to me Something wrong from the state in the pretext of the is one of the most important & delicate ~~Dept~~ duties of the Divan~~~~ ... I have perhaps in this respect but the pay of the Appte was fixed as Rs 250 in 1868-69 when the State was all in a British management & the pay was continued till 1884 when the Maharaja was invested with powers. The administration has since developed & become complex ~~now~~ as compared with the period mentioned above; ~~that~~ the present pay ~~has been~~ is ~~inadequate~~ recommended

with the permission [redacted]

devolving on the D[redacted]

~~[redacted]~~ Divisional [redacted] of the State

from these reasons, I [redacted]

a stepping stone for promotion to higher appts in the British service or in Native States.

the pay of the appt be made Rs 250 to 250 by an annual increment of Rs 25.

If this request be granted I shall be entitled to an increment of Rs 25 on 6th January 1902.

& if it be refused, I should ~~[redacted]~~ decline to hand over charge & continue in my present appointment & beg that this may be treated as a notice for permission to resign my appointment in the British Service viz the Clerk to the Collr of Dharwar ~~appointed by Govt. C.S.R.~~

6. I have [redacted]

R[redacted]

[redacted]

(Through the A. P. A[redacted]

Accompaniment

Note

I Land Rev:

(1) waste land apeccad at Rs 568 has been given at (see para 18 of the ad: report)

(2) grant of occupancy rights of waste land (apeccad at Rs 480-0-0) in the village of Yekikop on favorable terms & Shikdangroda to Sedangroda Patel of Ambur (see correspondence with this office No 9 dated 7th Feb: 1901 & ending with Pol: Agent No 7745 dated 15th October 1901)

II Forest Department

In this office Circ: No 37 dated 23-8-01 & notice that all bamboo jungles might not advantageously be disposed of & the proposal has to be submitted to approval of the A. P. C. The [redacted] 4 Nov 1901 with the result that the sale of 10000 bamboos has been made subject

of the credits (1) the cutting shall be made between 1 Dec 1901 & 30 April 1902 & (2) that half the amount shall be paid on account & the other half on the sale has ... 1

16 Feb: 1902.

— this O. No 120 dated 4-11-01 (T)
been reported for confirmation
by the A. P. A.

a similar increase may be expected
during the next 4 or 5 years from the sale

III P. W. Depart of Bamboos alone.

Vern: No 410 of 15-5-1901 } Suggesting improvement in the procedure of
Imp No 386 of 12-7-07 } the State P. W. D.
& No 666 of 5-10-07 }

Vern: No 475 of 3-7-07 — Suggesting economy in preparing the change
lines of the Govt P. W. D.

Imp: No 638 of 20-7-07 — Do Do in
the Statement
Do Do Do

Vern: No 501 of 16-7-07 Bringing to notice the objection to the
system of making lists by the Divisional
Board of Assistants
for the protection of
Vern: No 25 of 20-8- roadside trees

prohibiting
removal for
repairs &c

The effect of these proposals will
be apparent from the
budget
else in
next Feb:

IV Alienation Department

(1) This o/ Week: 40 of 20 August — 07 — A complete Cash alienation List has been prepared with explanatory documents & genealogical tables & submitted for approval This list when approved will be useful for reference in disposing of claims for allowances

V Sanitation &c

(1) This o/ No 411 of 15-5-07 — Change of village site of Hirad & Kathl has been

The people wish to have their ancestral [illegible] as a list given at para 12 of the ad: report. [illegible] as funds permit.

(2) Prompt measures have been taken for dealing with out-breaks of plague The initial step has been taken in this office, the village officers staff having been found unreliable

VI Agriculture - Scarcity &c

No 563 dated 24-8-07

(1) [illegible] The work has afforded employment to 43 hands on an average for 18 days.

being half the ordinary cost.
The rates of wages were fixed
at [illegible] per man & 1 anna per
woman.

The A. P. A. wrote under
date 9-9-07 as follows:—

"I am pleased to learn that
your efforts to provide the indigent
with work have been successful."

The work of 2 months ended by
which time a good deal of pain relieved the people of their temporary
Devasthan — The work of Devasthan difficulty
Committee has been supervised
with the result

(I) that a Verandah — a long felt
want — has been added to the
said mantap at Savanur

(II) that arrangements for the supply
of water to mosques in Savanur
have been made by which a saving
of Rs 100 a year will be effected

(III) that a long standing dispute
between the Devasthan Committee
in Kabnur & the lessee of
the Devasthan lands
has been amicably settled
by which the lessee has agreed
in writing to build the Dharmashala
temple at a cost of Rs 400 by Feb 1908.

Jail & Police Dept— Economy has been effected by introducing Contract system for Supplies for Convicts & Swan's Horses & the extent of the savings ~~has~~ effected will be apparent from the budget to be submitted in Feb:

R D Johnson
Gov